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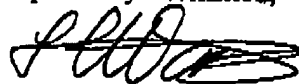
REMARKS

With entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-20 have been canceled without prejudice, and new claims 21-32 have been added. Substitution of the new claims is made voluntarily by the owners of this invention, not for reasons of patentability, but to protect particular embodiments of current commercial interest. Applicants reserve the right to introduce claims to subject matter previously claimed or otherwise disclosed in the specification in this or any related application.

No new matter has been introduced by the new claims. Support for the new claims is replete in the subject specification. For example, support can be found at page 49, lines 1-5 (claims 21, 23, and 29); page 49, lines 13-21 (claims 25-27 and 30-31); page 50, lines 1-12 (claims 28 and 32); page 60, lines 15-24 (claim 24); and Figure 32 (claim 22).

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400 x 5209.

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